6. (Three Times Amended). A lawnmower blade assembly comprising:

a shaft in rotatable communication with a motor;

a stub in communication with said shaft;

a blade, said blade including a receiver, said receiver including members for receiving said stub and retaining said stub in said receiver in a releasable engagement; and

said shaft, stub, and receiver are configured to be in coaxial alignment, such that said blade is balanced upon rotation.

9. (Three Times Amended). A lawnmower blade assembly comprising:

a shaft in rotatable communication with a motor;

a stub in communication with said shaft;

a blade; and

a receiver coupled to said blade, said receiver including a receiving portion and at least a plurality of flexible members configured for moving between outward and inward positions for engaging and retaining said stub in said receiving portion in a releasable engagement, said flexible members including ends configured such that pressure thereon moves said flexible members outward, allowing for at least the disengagement of said blade from said stub.

12. (Once Amended). A lawnmower blade comprising:

a blade body, said blade body including oppositely disposed cutting portions and a platform intermediate said oppositely disposed cutting portions; and

a receiver, said receiver coupled to said platform in a substantially coaxial alignment, said receiver including flexible members for moving between outward and inward positions for receiving and retaining at least a portion of a rotatable member in communication with a motor in a releasable engagement, said flexible members including portions configured such that pressure thereon moves said flexible members outward, said receiver configured for

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receiving and retaining ~~at least~~ a portion of the rotatable member in a substantially coaxial alignment therewith, ~~such that~~ said lawnmower blade is balanced upon rotation.

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